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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN PRESS CLAIMS SOMALI REGULARS USED IN OGADEN

1. JULY 17 ETHIOPIAN HERALD EDITORIAL FLATLY ACCUSES SOMALIA OF DEPLOYING SMALL NUMBERS OF REGULAR ARMY TROOPS IN SUPPORT OF INFILTRATING "BANDITS", WHO ARE VIOLATING ETHIOPIA'S EASTERN BORDER, SABOTAGING ECONOMIC INSTALLATIONS, ROBBING, MURDERING, AND COMMITTING ATROCITIES AGAINST INHABITANTS OF REGION. CITING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND EYE-WITNESS REPORTS, EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT SIAD BARRE, ACKNOWLEDGING FAILURE OF PAST IRREGULAR GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES AND FEARING TO INITIATE DIRECT AGGRESSION IN CLASSIC SENSE, HAD RESORTED TO THIS MEANS OF THREATENING ETHIOPIAN UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, IN VIOLATION OF UN AND OAU CHARTERS.

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2. EDITORIAL, WHICH IS WELL-WRITTEN AND APPEARS TO CARRY SOME AUTHORITY, WARNS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT MAY FOLLOW, GIVEN ETHIOPIA'S LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF SELF DEFENSE, RESTS SQUARELY ON SOMALI LEADERS' SHOULDERS. UNLESS PROVOCATIONS CEASE, "ETHIOPIA ENTITLED TO RESPOND IN WHATEVER WAY DEEMED APPROPRIATE" TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR ITS BORDERS AND SAFETY OF ITS

CITIZENS RESIDING IN REGION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY NOTES THAT UPI REPORTS (JULY 15 WIRELESS FILE) QUOTE WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF) SOURCES AS STATING THAT "HUNDREDS, MAYBE THOUSANDS" OF FORMER SOMALI REGULAR ARMY TROOPS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO TRAIN AND FIGHT WITH WSLF. AS PACE OF FIGHTING ESCALATES, BOTH COUNTRIES SEEM TO BE INCHING CLOSER TO POSITION WHERE THEY CAN JUSTIFY TO WORLD OPINION FURTHER BELLIGERENT MOVES AGAINST OTHER, SHOULD THEY DEEM IT NECESSARY TO EMPLOY THEM.
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